

# COMMENTS IN C++

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Program comments are explanatory statements that you can include in the C++ code that you write and helps anyone reading it's source code. All programming languages allow for some form of comments.

C++ supports single line and multi-line comments. All characters available inside any comment are ignored by C++ compiler.

C++ comments start with `/*` and end with `*/`. For example:

```
/* This is a comment */

/* C++ comments can also
 * span multiple lines
 */
```

A comment can also start with `//`, extending to the end of the line. For example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

main()
{
    cout << "Hello World"; // prints Hello World

    return 0;
}
```

When the above code is compiled, it will ignore `// prints Hello World` and final executable will produce following result:

```
Hello World
```

Within a `/*` and `*/` comment, `//` characters have no special meaning. Within a `//` comment, `/*` and `*/` have no special meaning. Thus, you can "nest" one kind of comment within the other kind. For example:

```
/* Comment out printing of Hello World:

cout << "Hello World"; // prints Hello World

*/
```